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THERE FOLLOWS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF AN UNUSUALLY OPTIMISTIC
ARTICLE ON NAMIBIA WHICH APPEARED IN THE "CAPE TIMES" OF
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"SWA: FINAL PROPOSALS SOON" DIPLOMATIC REPORTER

"THE FINAL WESTERN PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT IN SWA/NAMIBIA
MAY YET BE ACCEPTABLE TO SOUTH AFRICA, INFORMED SOURCES
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SUGGESTED YESTERDAY.

"THE WESTERN CONTACT GROUP IS EXPECTED TO DELIVER A 'CENTRAL
DOCUMENT' TO THE GOVERNMENT SOON, OUTLINING AMENDED
PROPOSALS FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE TRANSITION
OF POWER IN THE TERRITORY.

"THE SOURCES SAID CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE IN THE RECENT SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE WEST AND 'NO BARRIERS' TO FURTHER PROGRESS HAVE BEEN RAISED BY EITHER SIDE. MORE CONTACT WAS EXPECTED SOON AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL ABOUT PHRASEOLOGY AND TERMS IN THE WESTERN PROPOSALS.

"THE SOURCES ADDED THAT THE WEST'S FINAL PROPOSALS WOULD INCORPORATE SUGGESTIONS ON HOW BEST TO EFFECT A TRANSITION OF POWER IN THE TERRITORY WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN AGREED TO BY BOTH PRETORIA AND THE WEST, IN THE RECENT SERIES OF MEETINGS AFTER MR. BOTHA'S VISIT TO NEW YORK. THIS WOULD MAKE IT RELATIVELY EASY FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS AS A PACKAGE.

"IT WAS ALSO SAID THAT UNLIKE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PEACE PLAN ON RHODESIA, THE SWA/NAMIBIA PACKAGE MIGHT MAKE PROVISION FOR GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF THE PARTIES' DISAGREEMENT.

"THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE PROPOSALS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO SOUTH AFRICA WOULD ALSO DEPEND ON WHETHER AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON HOW BEST TO 'SHELVE' CERTAIN ISSUES TO A LATER DATE.

"IF SOUTH AFRICA ACCEPTED THE PROPOSALS, TOGETHER WITH
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THE OTHER PARTIES IN THE DISPUTE, THEY WOULD THEN BE SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR RATIFICATION.

"THE SOURCES SAID THE WEST HAS IN RECENT WEEKS SHOWN GREATER REALISM TOWARDS THE SWA/NAMIBIAN ISSUE. THIS WAS REFLECTED IN THE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS MADE IN THE SETTLEMENT TALKS.

"THE CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM IN BOTH THE WESTERN AND SOUTH AFRICAN CAMPS WAS UNDERSCORED YESTERDAY BY MR. J.S. KIRKPATRICK OF THE FEDERAL PARTY IN WINDHOEK, WHO SAID AFTER TALKS WITH THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR, MR. HANS-JOACHIM EICK, THAT THE PARTIES IN PURSUIT OF AN INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT FOR SWA/NAMIBIA WERE CLOSER THAN THEY WERE IN NEW YORK A MONTH AGO."
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